Dear Walter, 11/23/74

Thanks for the extra copy that someone may want some time. The author sent me one.

I was surprised at its appearance. I heard of it for a week before I saw it. The long conversation was to have been for background after which he was to have called me to ask the questions he wanted answered.

It is not by any means all in context but I guess that at this juncture anything that makes one resemble a human has to be considered good.

What I think interested him is the insanity of the Tennessee lawyer who chases imaginary wild geese.

Other obligations have kept me from doing anything with WW IV. However, once again the Post had a long story. They also fed it to their syndicate.

The typescript of the AP's story is two feet long, which also is not bad.

While I have solicited none, I have already done four radio shows by phone and there will be more, several arranged for.

I think this kind of news attention to a book is rather more than average when an established publisher has professional public-relations personnel.

In turn, I think this initial attention with an established publisher would have caused the book to do better than average. I didn't even hold a press conference. AP wrote the story without a copy of the book.

And this when neither Lil nor I were home pub date so neither could even take a phone call until 6 p.m. What we may have missed I can only guess.

(My annual physical checkup -o/k. So I spent the rest of the day in DC working on other things.)

A decent publisher could have sold this book as a TV special. I think I came close with the first net, where they talked about it for almost two months before naying. It is under consideration by a second.

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I think also there would have been a NYTimes story is the book had been received. It was asked for and a story was indicated. But in two weeks the gremlins have held fast. As of today not delivered.

Lidn is disconsolate. She has had a second occupational accident, this one also requiring surgery, Harry has demanded that she quit that job and seek another. But her unhappiness is over Rosa's silence. I explain as best I can but she hurts.

It is possible I'll be going to NYC in the near future to do a TV show on the Ray case. If I do I'll probably do more than stay overnight. If and when I know I may try to do some shows on WWIV. But I've even lost track of the talk shows. Could you without too much trouble get me a list if your people have one?

I think you'll enjoy an account of what happened in Tennessee and what confronted me. It was not easy but it was gratifying. Best to Agnews, Sincerely,